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Northwest met high expectations set by the state this year earning the most possible funding based on new performance funding formulas. The funds will be distributed throughout the University based on provisions set by the state and decisions made by the Board of Regents.

## BENCHMARKS BRING BUCKS

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Hard work pays off. It pays \$1.5 million, to be exact. Two years in a row, Northwest has met all five performance measures for the state of Missouri, thanks to the faculty, administration and students. As a result, the University will receive all of the possible funding allocated in the state's fiscal year 2015 budget. "Each four-year institution had a menu of five categories that we could choose from, so not every University is using the same measures as we are," Provost Doug Dunham said. "From a financial standpoint, these are real dollars. Each measure is about \$300,000, and there are other institutions that only meet three or four measures, so they would lose funding."

This is not the case for Northwest, though, which will receive 100 percent of the \$1.5 million set aside for schools that meet all five benchmarks. "We all have a personal responsibility for student success, and that shows in our performance," Dunham said. "There is enough praise to go around because our faculty and staff are providing students with the resources they need to perform." The University met these standards by supporting the mission: every student, every day. "This speaks to performance, and such performance is not possible without all Bearcats – students, faculty, staff, alumni and the communities in which we operate and serve – pulling together and focusing on student success," Northwest President John Jasinski said in a press release. "Our mission, which is very straightforward, focusing on student

success – every student every day -- ties into all of this." Graduation rates are one of the five benchmarks used to measure the University's performance. Northwest's graduation rate is 52 percent, which may sound low, but only students who start and finish at Northwest are used in the calculations. The University is not credited for students in pre-professional programs who transfer to finish their degrees, or for transfer students from other colleges. The industry standard is 42 percent, so Northwest's rate is higher than other institutions. "There are a couple areas that we excel at compared to our peers. For example, a percent of our budget goes toward financial assistance, and I am confident that we will not lose

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## Rouch agrees to pre-trial date at Monday hearing

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Former Northwest communications professor Matt Rouch returned to the Nodaway County Courthouse Monday. Rouch, 57, was present for an initial arraignment in the circuit court division. Rouch and his attorney, Robert Sundell, agreed to set a date for a pre-trial conference. This will take place April 14 at 8:30 a.m. Rouch was detained by University Police and later arrested and held in Nodaway County Jail for a controversial Facebook post unrelated to the drug charges. During his 24-hour investigative hold, a search warrant was executed at Rouch's home where several marijuana plants were found growing under lamps in plain sight. Rouch was released on a \$25,000 bond Sept. 6. Rouch is being charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Northwest's Board of Regents formally accepted Rouch's resignation Oct. 25.



Matt Rouch



ANDREW BENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Mick and Annette Hoskey, owners of Molly's Party Club, look on as the Maryville City Council voted on the bar-entry age ordinance Jan. 27.

## City Council to vote on three ordinances

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In a town like Maryville, going to class during the week and enjoying the nightlife on the weekends is about as close as it comes to a tradition. However, future actions by the Maryville City Council may cause students to seek other sources of entertainment. At the council's next meeting Feb. 10, a discussion and vote will take place on three ordinances as part of a comprehensive alcohol strategy. The ordinances include a nuisance party ordinance, an open container ordinance as well as an agreement of joint work between University and Maryville law enforcement. These ordinances were presented along with the bar-entry age ordinance at the council's meeting Jan. 13. The bar-entry age ordinance passed with a 4-1 vote Jan. 27. "I think the steps that we took (at the last meeting) to limit the open containers and also the nuisance parties, that's a step that we have to be aware of," Mayor Jim Fall said. "Whether the 19 to 21 had changed or not, I think that would have still been up for consideration and received a posi-

tive vote. That's a part of the overall action that we need to take to try to create a hospitable atmosphere." The nuisance party ordinance, which defines a nuisance as more than 10 people, states "It shall be unlawful for any persons having the right to possession of any residential premises, whether individually or jointly with others, to cause or permit a social gathering on the premises to become a nuisance party." The ordinance also allows law enforcement to order a party to disperse if they are contributing to one of their "triggers," such as disturbing the peace, littering or fighting, without a complaint. According to the draft ordinance, a nuisance party is described as a gathering of 10 or more people and expands past disturbing the peace, such as public urination and use of marijuana. According to the open container draft ordinance, "It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, expose or display any alcoholic beverages in open containers upon the public rights-of-way or city-owned property, or any place open to the public." Currently, the open container law only applies

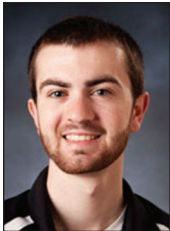
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## Student regent candidates await appointment by Nixon

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Northwest students and faculty can look forward to a new voice next semester, and the candidates want to make it known loud and clear: they will speak for the students. Candidates Mark Langemach, Morgan Brown and Ve'Shawn Dixon await notification from Gov. Jay Nixon on the student regent position on the Board of Regents; each candidate is eager to serve their Northwest peers. All three sophomores empha-

sized the need for more students to be aware they have a way to communicate their concerns or problems with the higher power on campus. Langemach, who serves as a student ambassador and recruitment chair for the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, expressed excitement about the chance to represent the Northwest population. "I feel like I have a background in student government here at Northwest that the other candidates can't offer," he said. "I've been involved



Student Regent Ashton Raffety

in Student Senate both this year and last year and am currently the Organizational Affair chairman. Overall, I'm pumped to get started." Langemach believes his ability of getting meaningful opinions from students would make him the best-suited voice for students. Fellow candidate Brown is also a student ambassador, but participates on campus on the dance floor as opposed to the floor for Student Senate. She believes one of her biggest strengths is her connection

with others on campus. "My biggest contribution would be my involvement in campus," she said. "I come into contact with a wide variety of students daily, as well as prospective students and their families." "Being so involved allows me to hear students' concerns on a very personal level." Dixon is a member of the Speaking Bearcats forensic team and considers himself not only an effective communicator, but an unbiased and relatable one as well. "I'm not strictly one side versus

another," he said. "I try to stay in the middle of most issues." While the trio agreed on the importance of reaching out to the Northwest student body, they each differed on their opinions of the best way to do this. "I want to increase communication between the students and the board," Langemach said. "Many students have no clue what the board does, let alone that they have a representative who can help them. I want to change that." "If I can establish a good line of

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Former Spoofhounds Trent Nally and Jackson Morrison signed with Northwest to continue their football careers in their hometown. Each received first-team all-state honors this year after leading the way to two straight state championships.

# Former Maryville football stars sign on to make jump to next level with home team

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After two illustrious careers, including two state titles and multiple all-state selections, a pair of Maryville’s own will continue their football careers in Northwest green.

Lineman Jackson Morrison and safety Trent Nally, both first-team all-state selections for Missouri’s Class 3 this season, signed letters of intent yesterday to remain in Maryville.

Morrison, a three-star recruit who garnered offers from a multitude of Division I-FCS programs, instead chose his Division II hometown.

“(Northwest) just felt right to me; it felt natural,” Jackson said. “It felt like a place that I think I could be happy at.”

With all the interest pouring in from throughout the Midwest, Morrison’s final decision came down to two championship programs - Northwest and FCS champ North Dakota State.

“My family can see me play a lot here at Northwest,” Morrison said. “My grandparents can come to a lot of the games; they wouldn’t have to drive eight hours to go (to North Dakota.) Maryville is just kinda home to me.”

The accomplished lineman’s father, Kirby Morrison, played a significant role in the recruiting process. When it came down to the official commitment, Kirby left the choice completely up to his son.

“He did a lot for me,” Morrison said. “He took me to all those camps through all those years, he took me to all those junior days and he went with me on all these visits. We went through the whole thing together. He was very supportive.

“I was talking to my dad the other day and he was like, ‘if you would’ve told me when you were a third grader just starting football that you would be playing for the Bearcats, I would’ve told you you were crazy.”

As for the athletically gifted defensive back, Nally, who also steered Maryville’s offense at quarterback, the options were a little simpler.

Nally essentially made up his mind from day one, verbally committing to Northwest in May 2013 before starting his senior season.

“I’ve watched Northwest since I was young, and I’ve been to every home game as much as I can,” Nally said. “I don’t wanna go anywhere else, I’d rather stay here and play.

“It’s gonna be really weird because I’ve grown up watching all these guys play, all these teams come through - for me to actually sign and be a part of that team is gonna be huge and it’s gonna be awesome, and I’m really excited about it.”

Nally picked off seven passes in his junior and senior seasons for the Spoofhounds to earn first-team all-state honors both years.

“I’ve got a lot of work,” Nally said. “I’m gonna redshirt next year, which is a good thing because I know I’m not ready yet. I’ve got a lot of work ... I know (Northwest’s) coaching will bring me to my full potential. I think that’s where I can excel, and that’s why I picked them.”

Morrison finished his career with back-to-back first-team all-state honors in his junior and senior seasons. While a majority of his official offers came from FCS schools, the three-star lineman also attracted a fair amount of attention from top Division I schools such as Iowa, Iowa State and Missouri.

Nally also ended his high school football days with back-to-back first-team Class 3 all-state honors as a defensive back. Offensively, he developed into almost just as big of a threat with 35 total touchdowns in his senior season from the quarterback spot.

Morrison and Nally admitted the moment seems surreal after growing up watching Northwest. They will join former Maryville teammates Cole Forney, Jonathan Baker and Caleb Mather at the next level.

“I’ve been to all the games since I was a little kid,” Morrison said. “When I was a little kid it seemed like a long-shot that I could ever be a Bearcat, but now it’s came true and it’s really awesome.”

# Kuwitzky making changes to rotation

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Maryville boys’ basketball head coach Mike Kuwitzky plans on making some slight changes to his rotation for the remainder of the season.

Kuwitzky said he liked what he saw with different groups in practice Monday, and although changes will not be drastic, making personnel adjustments and mixing up the lineups will pay off for his squad both this year and next.

“We’re going to keep the nucleus fairly similar, but we’re going to get even younger,” Kuwitzky said. “We’re going to play some younger kids and work on different combinations with younger players who we’re really high on. We want to give them some more experience.”

By allowing younger players pivotal varsity playing time, Kuwitzky is building a foundation for his team moving forward.

“The experience they’re getting now is going to be valuable,” Kuwitzky said. “They’re going to learn the system and get some repetitions. It just takes time, and eventually, we’re going to be really solid.”

The Spoofhounds’ new rotation will battle a Smithville team that has been on a roll, winning the Cameron Tournament a week ago and coming away with wins in five of its last six games.

Kuwitzky said he will alter his game plan against a Warriors team that provides plenty of mismatches against his ‘Hounds.

“We’re probably going to have to end up playing a little bit more zone against them because we don’t match up particularly well,” Kuwitzky said. “We’ve got a couple new wrinkles we’ve put in on offense as well, so hopefully that will work out for us.”

Maryville travels to Smithville with varsity tip-off slated for 6:45 Friday evening.

# Wrestling greatly affected by winter weather issues

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The Spoofhound wrestling team will try to build momentum by competing this week in a duel and tournament, barring any cancellations due to the snow.

After strong performances from the team’s top athletes last weekend, head coach Joe Drake hopes his team will get a chance to build off the success.

“My concern is that the duel on Thursday is in Lawson,” Drake said. “I’m afraid that they are getting more snow than we are. They may not have school on Thursday, and that would cause us not to have it. We’ll just have to wait and see what the weather does. It’s a big ‘if.’”

Knowing the possibility of the weather factoring into whether the ‘Hounds could compete tonight, Drake prepared the team by having an intense Monday afternoon practice.

“We practiced (Monday) pretty hard,” Drake said. “And we talked about how it was kind of doubtful we would practice (Tuesday). Our intentions were if we didn’t have school, we’d go at 4 o’clock, but the

weather just didn’t let that happen.”

If the weather further delays Maryville’s practice time, Drake is worried about the way his team may perform if it does have to hit the mats tonight.

“We let them know that they have to be careful with their weight and everything,” Drake said. “(Wednesday was) a big iffy day. If we don’t have school, we’re scheduled to practice at 4. If we can get that practice in, I’d feel pretty comfortable. If we don’t, that’s pretty cold. It’s pretty tough going in after two days of nothing.”

The Spoofhounds also have a tournament in Albany this weekend that is in jeopardy. If the team cannot go tonight, Drake would like to be able to compete in the tournament to give the wrestlers some confidence before the district tournament Feb. 14.

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# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Grant Cozad



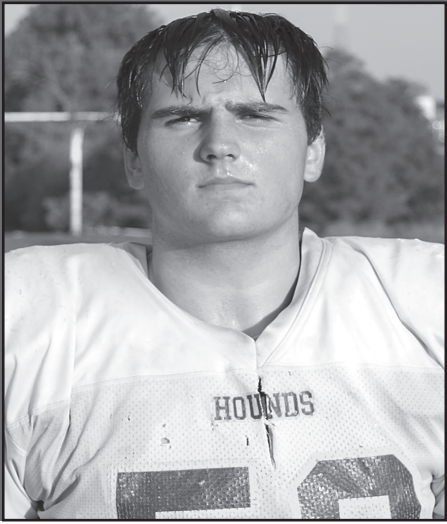
Junior forward Grant Cozad led Northwest in scoring with 16 points on seven-of-nine shooting with six rebounds in the Bearcats’ 92-59 dismantling of Lincoln.

Ariel Easton



Northwest was led in scoring by junior guard Ariel Easton against Lincoln. Easton finished with 22 points, made five-of-six three-point attempts and pulled down seven boards.

Brendan Weybrew



Junior heavyweight Brendan Weybrew was the lone Spoofhound to finish at the peak of his weight class at the Quad State Classic on Maryville’s home mat.

Mollie Holtman



Sophomore guard Mollie Holtman scored a team-high seven points in the Spoofhounds’ 50-36 loss to Lathrop Monday night in Maryville’s home gym.

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Senior guard Meridee Scott drives past a Lincoln defender during a 55-47 victory over the Blue Tigers Feb. 1 at Bearcat Arena. Northwest played rival Missouri Western last night for the Pink Zone game. Check [nwmissourianews.com](http://nwmissourianews.com) for an update.

# Women climbing MIAA ladder while conference slate draws near to close

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Following Wednesday night’s Pink Zone game against their arch rival, the Northwest women hit the road for a crucial two-game stretch with the season winding to a close.

The Bearcats played Missouri Western at 5:30 last night in the annual breast cancer awareness game, but results were unavailable as of press time. Check [nwmissourianews.com](http://nwmissourianews.com) for an update on the game.

With the on-edge home rivalry match out of the way, Northwest travels to play Lincoln at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Jefferson City in a rematch from Feb. 1 when the Bearcats escaped disaster with a 55-47 win.

Head coach Michael Smith is looking for a more pleasing result this time around against the MIAA’s worst team, which sat at 0-12 in conference play prior to last night’s round of games.

“As a coach, sometimes you’re not happy how you won,” Smith said. “I felt like (Saturday) at times we played selfish, at times we played not to lose. I could tell that from our body language.

“I know that this team can show much more than what they showed (Saturday.) I told them that records aside, (Missouri Western) is just a big game, and we’ve gotta have energy and we’ve gotta have positive energy more than that.”

Junior guard Ariel Easton led the way in the Feb. 1 victory over the Blue Tigers and continues to be Northwest’s

most reliable scorer.

Easton ended her afternoon against Lincoln with 22 points, connecting on five of her six three-point attempts.

Following the Bearcats’ road rematch at Lincoln, they will carry on to play Missouri Southern at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in Joplin. Two wins could boost Northwest multiple spots in the MIAA standings, while a pair of losses could drop Smith’s team back down to 13th, depending on separate outcomes around the league.

“It feels great letting the teams in the conference know that we’re not done, and we’ve just begun,” freshman forward Shelby Mustain said. “Our goal is to get to that tournament. It kinda sets the tone for the second half of conference games, setting them straight knowing that we’re not done.”

One area of concern for Northwest earlier in the season was the development of Mustain, who recently has shown strides with her physicality.

Smith praised her seven-rebound, six-block performance following the home win over Lincoln, but said she still has work to do and techniques to hone.

“I thought she was physical, which was good to see, but it’s taken me having to get onto her a lot more than I need to,” Smith said. “She’s one, individually, that’s gonna come in and watch film with me, by the way ... There’s been some things that, I guess the word is ‘complacency.’”

With just six regular-season games remaining, the Bearcats sit in 12th and are on the fringe of making the MIAA Tournament.

# Track team traveling to Nebraska for high level of competition

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After making strides at the Concordia Classic last weekend, the Northwest track team will face a significant challenge in the next couple of days.

Tomorrow the team travels to compete at the Sevigne Husker Invitational for a two-day event that includes schools from all different divisions across the country. Only select Bearcats will be invited to the meet.

From those selected, head coach Scott Lorek is excited to see how the team performs not just against other schools, but against the team’s own individual marks.

“For this meet, it is about going after times,” Lorek said. “We’re at the position now where this is a good meet with good competition.”

Lorek is looking for more runners to put their names on the provisional marks list alongside the accomplished throwers.

The meet is set to start Friday and end Saturday on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Last weekend, Northwest made strides for this winter’s indoor season. The squad traveled to Seward, Neb., to compete in the Concordia Classic.

The men’s long distance team saw the highest success in several events last Saturday from multiple underclassmen.

Sophomore Nolan Zimmer was the lone first-place finisher for the men, winning the mile run with a time of 4:21.69.

Freshman Tim Grundmayer finished second in the 800-meter run with a provisional mark time of 1:55.43, and sophomore Ryan Cox came in not far behind in fourth place at 1:57.92.

Junior Drew Keefer rounded out the top and finished with a second-place time of 8:44.96 in the 3,000 meter run.

On the women’s side, the 400-meter dash gave the Bearcats the most top finishers.

The highlight of the day’s 400-meter dash was capped by senior Ashton Nibert, who won with a time of 56.76. That was a provisional mark as well as a Bulldog Fieldhouse record.

Freshman Audrey Bolinger came in eighth place at 1:01.15, and fellow freshman Lamisha McKamey snuck past for seventh at 1:01.08, while junior Alexis Boyd placed third with a time of 58.84.

Lorek was encouraged by his team’s ability to show improvement at Concordia.

“We’re like any team - we’re making certain mistakes here and there, but we’re rebounding from them and we’re learning,” Lorek said.

“We’re like any team—we’re making certain mistakes here and there, but we’re rebounding from them and we’re learning.”

Scott Lorek



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Northwest has found success behind the arc en route to being the leader in the MIAA standings along with leading the conference in three-point percentage at 44 percent.

## 'Cats launch long ball during midseason win streak

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Sports clichés are often overused, but they are used because they are often right. The old adage “live or die by the three” has been used in college basketball since the three-point line was introduced in 1986.

Northwest has been launching it from

deep this season and is alive and well.

The Bearcats lead the MIAA in three-point percentage by shooting a blistering 44 percent as a team from deep and have four of the top shooters in the conference on the floor.

Senior guards DeShaun Cooper and Bryston Williams are 13th and 15th in the conference, respectively, and sophomore

guard Conner Crooker and freshman forward Zach Schneider sit at seventh and fifth in the league.

“You can’t always play your best game, so three-point shooting can really help you pull games out,” Schneider said. “You can struggle all game but make a few and really get a run going when you haven’t been in the lead.”

The offense is predicated on Cooper and senior forward Dillon Starzl with their ability to cause havoc in the paint and dish out to shooters on the perimeter.

“We had that kind of shooting last year, but we just didn’t have DeShaun to get into the paint and make the defense collapse,”

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## Former Bearcat DB accepts invite to vital NFL Combine

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It has been a six-year drought, but Northwest, according to the experts, should have a player's name called at the NFL draft.

First-Team All-American Brandon Dixon received an invite to the 2014 NFL Combine slated for Feb. 25 on the NFL Network, and Dixon expects to showcase physical attributes that will exceed those of the upper echelon competition that will be there.

“It was really exciting,” Dixon said. “I was shocked but very excited. It was really emotional for me because I never thought I’d be going to the Combine.”

An impressive 40-yard dash time at the Combine has historically propelled players up the draft board. If Dixon is able to run the 40 time he expects, he could see himself moving up multiple rounds.

“The thing I want to work most on is my 40-yard dash,” Dixon said. “I wanna crack a 4.3 (second) 40. I want



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Former Northwest cornerback Brandon Dixon deflects a pass against St. Cloud State in the Bearcat's 59-21 win Dec. 7. Dixon will participate in the NFL Scouting Combine Feb. 25 in Indianapolis, Ind.

to clock it consistently. I’ve clocked it before, and I want to clock in consistently.

“If I clock a 4.3, I’m expecting second or third round. I know my bench press and broad jump will be alright.”

Dixon emerged as a shut-down corner in 2012, picking off five passes, but opposing quarterbacks did not throw his way this season, leading to just one interception.

“They see that and understand

that,” secondary coach Ken Gordon said. “What they look at is his technique and his coverage. They already seen his junior film already, so they

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## Dixon's draft stock yields new pitch

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Asst. Sports Editor



It's safe to say the Northwest football team doesn't need to be “put on the map,” as the cliché goes. In terms of Division II football, there's a big, red star plastered over Maryville, if such cartography existed.

The four national titles in 16 years, multiple players throwing their names in the NFL hat in the 2000s, one head coach who created this tradition (Mel Tjeerdsma) and the accomplished heir-to-the-throne he left to continue its guidance in Adam Dorrel, all speak to the level of worthiness the program has attained.

But a couple of new ingredients to the recipe wouldn't hurt.

The fact that 2010-2012 was considered a ‘drought’ by some because ‘NWMSU’ was missing from the national championship scoreboard might be the most telling about how truly renowned the Bearcats are. This year's championship thrust Northwest back into the spotlight it expects to retain, but the new hardware isn't all Dorrel can use to pitch to recruits for the next few years.

Now that all-American cornerback Brandon Dixon officially received his invitation to the NFL Combine alongside Division I stars, the program can tack “route to the league” on its sales spiel.

If Dixon hears his name called on Draft Day, which many national media members believe he will, he'll be just the fifth Bearcat selected since the draft switched to seven rounds behind Chris Greisen (1999, Cardinals) Seth Wand (2003, Texans), Dave Tollefson (2006, Packers) and Xavier Omon (2008, Bills).

No recruit will commit to a school just because one guy had his career recognized at that institution, but it

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## New athletic facility planned for students

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New fitness center plans will present more opportunities for students and benefit other programs at Northwest.

Plans for a new fitness center were set in motion for the University where the old Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center resides on campus.

“As we looked at our fitness center downstairs, it's small for the amount of students that use those facilities,” said Mel Tjeerdsma, director of athletics. “This new fitness center will allow students to have

more space and will hopefully allow them to become healthier and fit.”

Facilities Director Bob Lade added that not only will the fitness center be a place for students to work out, but it will also hold multiple classrooms for students, along with the added advantages of being physically active.

“I really don't see a downside to a new fitness center,” Lade said. “We even have studies that show that students who are more active have better grades and do better on tests.”

The current fitness center is limited due to its size, and the upgrade should attract students to stay on

campus to work out instead of other gym options throughout Maryville.

“I will admit that the fitness center now is a little small, and it gets crowded very quickly,” senior Brett Patterson said. “If they build a bigger one, I think that it will help out a lot and will give people more room to work out and will be more inviting.”

“I enjoy going to the fitness center now, especially since I'm done playing athletics; it's a good way to stay in shape.”

With a projected cost of \$3.5 to \$4.5 million, the money will be funded through the University as well as through an added \$4 per-credit-hour

fee included in student tuition.

“This building will not only be used to help promote good health among students now, but will also be used as a recruiting tool for those students who are thinking about coming to the school, and the location of the new fitness center will be great because it will be one of the first things that a prospective student will see on campus,” Tjeerdsma said.

If the plans are approved, the construction phase will begin in the late spring and summer of 2015 with the hopes of students entering the new facilities in the fall of 2015.



NEWS BRIEF:  
Student Senate traveling to state capitol

Northwest students are invited to join Student Senate as it visits Jefferson City for the annual Legislative Day.

The trip will take place March 6. The Student Senate will take tours of the capitol and Supreme Court buildings, hear from Supreme Court Justice Zel Fischer and Northwest lobbyist Dick Wiles, take pictures with Bobby the Bearcat and observe the Senate

and House in-session. The group will leave Northwest at 4:00 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m.

Students interested are encouraged to attend the upcoming information session Feb. 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

To sign up, email Ashton Raffety at [s510544@mail.nwmissouri.edu](mailto:s510544@mail.nwmissouri.edu) or contact Student Senate at (660)562-1218.

Changes to education certification present possible future problems

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In light of changes to education curriculum, Northwest is discovering some school districts across Missouri are not quite ready for their close-up.

As a part of changes implemented by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, education majors will be required to compose a short video showcasing their skills and knowledge as a teacher. This new component may cause issues in the future as school districts are assessing if this is something they want to allow in their classrooms.

Despite what Greg Rich, director of Educational Field Experiences, calls “bumps,” he says the Department of Professional Education is working to ensure student teaching for Northwest students will continue to go smoothly.

“We are still running a pilot of the Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment,” Rich said. “Since we’re still in the pilot, most kids are doing the Teacher Work Sample, and it’s not really causing a problem right now, but in the fall it might.”

Some districts have expressed hes-

itancy at allowing Northwest to place student teachers due to this portion of the teacher certification program.

Provost Doug Dunham said concerns about student teachers being able to videotape in the classroom do not only apply to Northwest, and DESE has been asked to assist the institutions dealing with this.

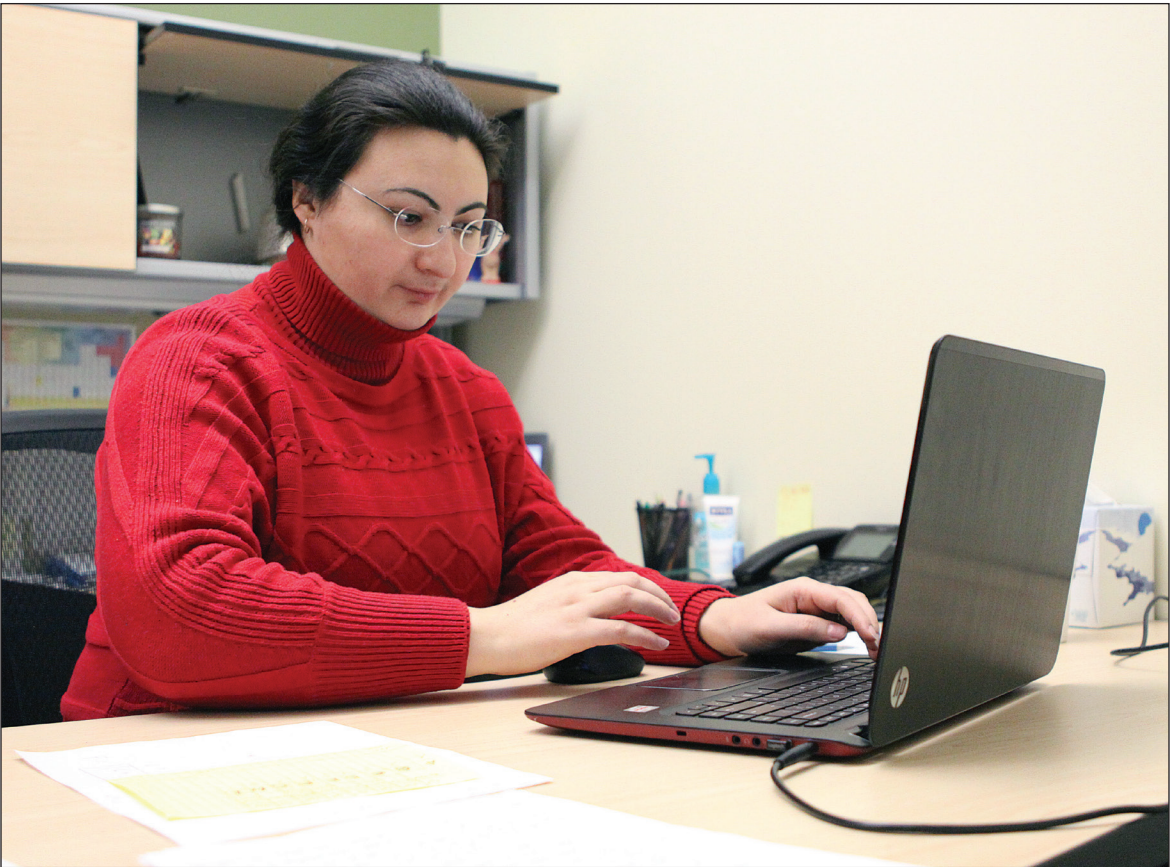
“If this is something that they are going to require, we need them to help develop a standard agreement, so to speak, with the school districts because every institution is in the same boat,” Dunham said. “We have over 800 students in just elementary education, so this is a major part of our institution.”

Besides changes in possible student teaching placements, students will also face new financial factors. Content area assessments will range from \$77 to \$189, and exit exams will cost up to \$275. These prices will be implemented in fall of 2014.

Rich strongly believed the University is in “good shape.”

“Even though we’ve had some concerns about the changes, we’ve got our priorities,” he said.

“We’ve been working, and we’ll implement it when it comes time.”



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Maia Magrakvelidze is Northwest’s first post-doctoral research associate at the Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The CIE was recently declared one of 10 state innovation centers.

CIE named state innovation center

SHANE STEELEY  
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In a building many people know little about, scientists develop and test theories. However, the Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is starting to become a major player in revenue and recognition for the school.

Several new changes are happening to the CIE. The CIE was recently declared one of only 10 innovation centers in the state. This will mean that several of the industries in the business incubator will collaborate more and will allow for new business opportunities.

This distinction will be meaningful to the University and its ability to pick up new contracts with tenants to set up in the business incubator. Jim Lee, director of the CIE, feels the University earned this distinction due to how great the equipment at the CIE is.

“We have undoubtedly the best innovation center by scientific equipment than any other innovation center,” Lee said. “We can do many things other centers cannot.”

Another major goal and ability of the CIE is to prepare students for the workforce and give them connections to blossom once they graduate.

“We try to connect client tenants with professors and students,” Lee said. “We do whatever we can do to make students succeed every day.”

While the designation mostly helps the business side of

the CIE, there are some, such as physics professor Himadri Chakraborty, who feel this could bleed over to the science side as well.

“It will make several people interested and will make more collaborative efforts,” Chakraborty said. “It would be good if we can get science projects on the side. Science and technology is funding for the future.”

Another important change to the CIE is an addition to the Bearcat faculty. Northwest’s first post-doctoral research associate, Maia Magrakvelidze, expressed happiness to begin her work in Maryville at the CIE.

“I have excellent undergrads, and I am getting excited about doing research,” Magrakvelidze said. “After Kansas State, I never thought I’d find nicer people, but I did. I’m really happy to be here.”


One of the most important people in the decision-making process allowing Magrakvelidze to work here was Chakraborty. According to him, her credentials were what put her over the top in his eyes.

“She was just completing her Ph.D. and being so fresh would make it easy for her to learn and adapt,” Chakraborty said. “She came from K-State, so that would make it easier for her to relocate.”

With this expansion of researchers, the prospect of possible contracts and the new push by Gov. Nixon for science education funding, the CIE could push Maryville into the spotlight as a outlet of scientific and economic discovery.


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## Maryville workers remove snow from city streets after Tuesday snowfall



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Street Department was in full force this week as they cleared off city streets following Tuesday’s snowstorm, which closed many area schools.

## Northwest hosts Special Olympics basketball games

MOLLY BRYAN

Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

More than 250 Special Olympics athletes will be at Bearcat Arena Saturday, Feb. 8 for the Special Olympics area basketball tournament.

There will be a wheelchair and individuals portion where athletes can show off their dribbling, passing and other basketball skills. More than 45 teams will compete in three-on-three and full-court basketball. Athletes can advance to the regional tournament and then on to the state competition.

Opening ceremonies start at 8:30 a.m. with entertainment from the Bearcat Steppers and the Special Olympics cheer squad. The basketball competition is from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This event has free admission. There will be fundraising and concessions; proceeds benefit the Special Olympics.

“Our athletes are extremely excited, and they have been practicing very hard,” Program Manager Katie Hrenchir said.

Although students filled up the 175 volunteer spots, there are still ways for those interested to participate in the event.

“Northwest students can help by being fans,” Hrenchir said. “We encourage as much support as possible for our athletes.

“Many of them do not have families that come and watch, so having a large student cheering section would be awesome.”

Northwest has partnered with Special Olympics for several years and this has been a benefit for both the athletes and the Maryville community, according to Nate Davis, assistant athletic director.

“It’s been a really good partnership for both Northwest as a University as well as for the Special Olympics overall,” Davis said. “We love having them come to the school, and we feel like it’s a great opportunity to host them, give back a little bit and be part of what they have going there.

“It’s something we can come together as a University and community in Maryville and host them, and it’s just a good event overall.”

Hrenchir said those unable to attend should show support for the athletes at the Polar Plunge the following week Saturday, Feb. 15 at Lake Contrary in St. Joseph. More information on this event can be found at [www.somo.org/plunge](http://www.somo.org/plunge).



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Daniel Schieber gives an encouraging hug to his teammate Robert Hammer before their game against the Northwest Patriots at last year’s tournament.

## ACT made free for high school juniors

SHANE STEELEY

Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

To many high school students, it feels like every other week they have to take another long, tedious and sometimes expensive standardized test. This, hopefully, will no longer be the case for Missouri K-12 students as state officials work to reform standardized testing.

As part of an overall goal to cut down on the amount of standardized tests given every year, state officials will allow juniors to take the ACT test one time for free beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. This change allows the state to use this test in two ways: a standardized test to monitor students’ educational performance, as well as to assess college and job readiness.

Using information from the ACT in this manner will reduce the number of standardized tests districts across Missouri are purchasing, saving districts time and money.

Karma Coleman, superintendent of Nodaway-Holt School District, said it will change the large amount of hours students, especially younger students, spend on standardized tests, such as the Missouri Assessment Program.

“A third grader was taking seven hours of tests, and we have decreased the testing time to an hour,” Coleman said. “The length of the tests in third, fourth, sixth and seventh will change, but grades five and eight will stay the same, due to those both being benchmarks.”

The decision to make the ACT free was the result of a lengthy sit-down with state education leaders. This decision was affected by the opinion that the ACT was the most effective assessment for college aptitude and potential career skills, according to Sarah Potter, Missouri Department of Early and Secondary Education communications coordinator.

“There needed to be a measure of career and college readiness,” Potter said.

While 75 percent of eligible students take the ACT, this change may reach the 25 percent who tend to fall through the financial cracks, allowing juniors to focus on more than just their No. 2 pencils and test booklets.

## Popular Maryville bar listed for sale, owner talks future plans

BRANDON ZENNER

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Have an extra \$347,000 in a bank account? If so, you may be the newest owner of one of Maryville’s most popular bars.

That’s right, the Palms is up for sale. Not the world-famous hotel in Las Vegas, but Paul Thompson’s bar and grill that he has run since 2000.

The Palms, which was originally built in 1912 to host a bottling company, was converted to a bar shortly after Prohibition ended in 1937. The bar has gained the reputation as the “Buchanan Street Library” by many Northwest alumni because of their frequent late nights of “studying” at the local watering hole.

Paul Thompson bought the business in 2000 so he could move back to Maryville. Thompson graduated from Northwest in 1988 and loves getting to know alumni as they stumble in as football season rolls around.

“I bought the Palms mainly because I wanted to move back to Maryville, be my own boss and own my own business,” Thompson said. “The best part of running the Palms would have to be meeting all the people. The fall semester during football season is probably my favorite time of the year just because of that. I can’t count how many hundreds of alumni I have met over the years.”

Thompson said he is putting the bar up for sale because he wants to switch gears and do something a little different.

I have always wanted to own a restaurant, and I’ve got a passion for barbecue,” Thompson said. “Selling one business would give me the capital to start a new venture and time to focus on it. If I put things together, I would like to start a barbecue concession and catering business someday.”

As the Maryville City Council weighs in on various alcohol ordinances, rumors have begun to swirl around about that being the reason for the Palms becoming available to own by United Country-Twaddle Realty, Inc. Though Thompson has pondered selling the bar for a while, he said he would be lying if that wasn’t the case, though it is only a small factor.

“I did support the 21-year age requirement, but as far as the rest of the city’s comprehensive alcohol plan, I disagree with a lot of it,” Thompson said. “I don’t think that it is their place to legislate morality under the guise of a health problem or tell small business owners how to run their businesses. I think that there is too big of a generation gap between the council and the student body for them to fully grasp the realities of college life today.

“Do we need more rules and ordinances just for the sake of making more rules and ordinances? The answer is no.”

The Palms is also home to the World’s Shortest St. Patrick’s

Day Parade. Thompson feels the city’s traditions, such as the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, will be limited by the ordinances.

“How will it be feasible to police the Homecoming Parade without activating my National Guard unit?” Thompson said. “My suggestion is how about a compromise and instituting some type of public intoxication law to take care of the troublemakers and not ruin what is not broke for 98 percent of the people.” Thompson also suggested the city get together with the owners of each bar to discuss opinions, which has not been done.

Bryan Twaddle, owner of Twaddle Realty Inc., says the Palms has interested many people since it was listed for sale.

“There’s probably been 10 people interested, and I’ve sent more information to four or five of them,” Twaddle said. He has shown the bar to multiple people but did not make it clear how close it was to being sold.


As the bar prepares to possibly receive new owners, Thompson hopes to hand his keys to an enthusiastic owner who will continue Maryville’s traditions.

“I would love to see somebody come in and with enthusiasm and carry on the traditions that the Palms has been known for throughout the years,” Thompson said. “I hope that the next owner supports Northwest athletics and also enjoys talking to and meeting new and old alumni as much as I do.”

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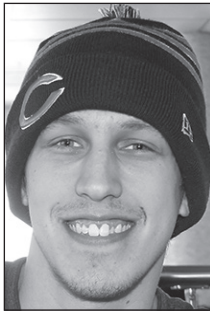
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What did you do on your snow day Tuesday?



"I didn't do much. Caught up on "Pretty Little Liars" and other TV shows that I haven't watched yet. I also did laundry."

Alejandra Stewart  
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"I downloaded a new video game and played it all day. I think I sat in the same spot for eight hours. I also had pizza twice yesterday."

Jake Padgett  
Biology



"I played cards and watched TV with some friends. That's really about it."

Lucas Blum  
Education



"I attended programs put on by Tower Suites staff all day. Just hung out with friends and played some games."

Evette Massey  
Journalism



"In the evening I watched Bill Nye the Science Guy debate that creationist. It was great, and Bill totally destroyed that guy."

Alex Peltz  
Mathematics

Black History Month still relevant

ED GIBSON  
Contributing Columnist | Intercultural Affairs

Black history has a significant place in America's history. As black Americans, we need to realize our history and the role it plays in our lives. We must be thankful for the limitations that society unknowingly puts on us. Although we are still not equal in today's society, we have made a stride from where we were. Using this month to celebrate and become unified is what the month is about. Everyone needs to uplift one another and continue to strive to reach great goals. With the support of one another, we can make huge changes, create

history and keep progressing. The most controversial topic for the month is whether or not Black History Month is necessary. Historically, Black History Month was only a week. In 1926, Carter G. Woodson announced the second week of February to be Negro History Week. The week was first chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The week was established to showcase the physical and intellectual survival of the race within a larger society. In 1976, the week became a month and was nationally recognized. President Gerald Ford stated that Americans needed to seize the opportunity and

honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans. Black history is American history. Black Americans have made great impacts all over the nation. Take a look at the heritage months and learn about them in order to make your opinion of the significance of the month. Expanding your comfort zone and learning about other cultures as well as paying attention to your thoughts and actions will allow amazing growth to occur. On the campus of Northwest Missouri State University, the Office of Intercultural Affairs has a plethora of ways you can get involved and learn about yourself and others.



Tim Jones, R-110, Missouri Speaker of the House, addresses fellow representatives at the kickoff of the 97th General Assembly, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, in Jefferson City, Mo. Jones has voiced support for voter ID laws in the past.

Missouri aims to restrict voting



The right to vote in the United States is one of the most fundamental rights we are privileged to have. It is one that allows the masses to have a say in the future of their republic. Pessimists may look on voting as a hopeless act practiced by those naive enough to think their one, single vote can make any difference. While it is true that your vote is one of many, the consequences of a lower voter turnout throughout Missouri and the country are dire. Unfortunately, throughout history those rights have been chopped away at by countless legislators aiming to gain some ground in the next election cycle. There has been a fairly recent trend of voter disenfranchisement, and last week, Missouri revealed its intention to join the several other states attempting to pass voter ID laws. Many students, the disabled and the elderly in this state may lose their ability to vote because of a political party's insistence on fixing a nonexistent problem. The greater push for more stringent voting identification began in 2011, when several states with mostly Republican governors passed laws requiring potential voters to present government-issued photo identification before voting. Before then, there were only a couple of states, most prominently Arizona, who passed such legislation. Those who did were widely condemned by

civil rights groups around the country. The state of Texas was especially singled out in late 2011 after it allowed weapons permits at the polls but not student IDs. This was an obvious attack on student voters, the majority of whom vote Democrat. The reality is that before the 2000 presidential elections, these types of regulations on voting were virtually unheard of in America. This is true for one reason: they were never, and never have been, deemed necessary. The reality is that in-person voter fraud, the only fraud that a photo ID regulation could fix, is rare, extremely rare. According to a study by the Department of Justice, from 2002 to 2005, there were only 40 voters charged with voter fraud. Even more surprisingly, only 26 of these charges resulted in convictions. Proponents of voter ID laws will argue that there's no system in place to detect voter fraud, so there's no way of knowing how much is going on. However, passing laws simply because you think there may be a problem is not a legitimate position. In the specific case of Missouri, there are almost no statistics that reveal any election fraud. According to the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, there haven't been any recent documented cases of in-person voter fraud in the state. This reminds one of the old saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The Republican-controlled legislature in Missouri held a hearing Monday to discuss two voting-related bills. One would amend the state's constitution to allow for the voter ID law, and the other would impose it. State legislators in Missouri, along with states like Pennsylvania, have had

trouble passing voter ID laws through its state's courts. In 2006, the Missouri state Supreme Court struck down voter ID laws because they violated the state's constitutional guarantee of a right to vote. Similar courts in Wisconsin and Texas have also struck down voter ID laws. According to Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander, the bill "was not only wrong, it's unconstitutional." So if our state's courts have ruled against voter ID laws and there is an obvious lack of documented voter fraud in the state, why are our representatives pushing this issue so hard? They will tell you they're simply trying to protect voting integrity; however, the reality is that the only thing it will do is keep people from voting. See, it just so happens that the majority of those living without a government-issued photo ID are younger people, the elderly, racial minorities and the poor. All of these demographics tended to vote Democrat in recent elections, especially black and Latino voters. According to Kander, 220,000 Missouri voters could be disenfranchised as a result of new voting laws of this nature. So not only are these laws unnecessary, but they will blatantly target minority groups who traditionally vote against the lawmakers attempting to pass this legislation. Look, I'm all for improving the voting system in America and in Missouri. The lines can often be too long, and the polls aren't open nearly as long as they should be. However, we need to focus on ways to increase voter turnout, not decrease it for no reason. Students here at Northwest Missouri State and all Missourians should be deeply concerned about who is trying to keep them from voting.

OUR VIEW:  
City must consider impact of new alcohol ordinances

Well, there's nothing we can do about it now, or at least in the near future. On July 1, the bar admittance age in Maryville will rise from 19 to 21. For over a year now, bar owners, students and community leaders have voiced their opposition to the measure to no avail. It is clear the City Council has made up its mind, and all we can do now is look to the future. However, the bar age issue is not the only alcohol-related ordinance city officials have been eyeing. The proposed "nuisance party" and open container policies have clearly irked bar owners and landlords around town for good reason. The ordinances have a potential to negatively affect the fabric of the Maryville community and the Northwest campus for several years to come. The "nuisance party" ordinance has gotten the most flack among students and local landlords as of late. This measure would allow Maryville Public Safety to come in and disperse parties that have 10 or more people and exhibit so-called "triggering" behaviors. These behaviors range from indecent exposure to something as innocuous as littering. Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood emphasized that dispersal would be the main focus when handling these parties and not ticketing or arrests. However, it's hard to imagine the police neglecting to give a bunch of underage people at a party a minor-in-possession infraction if they get the chance. Another issue is the ordinances that target the bars in town. Along with the bar entry age being raised, the open container and the drink special ordinances have clearly concerned the bar owners in Maryville. The Palms and The Outback are both looking for new owners, and Mick

Hoskey, owner of Molly's, has voiced steady opposition to almost all alcohol-related ordinances. Their reasoning is clear. Any legislation that keeps students, their core customers, from coming to the bars on the weekend is undoubtedly bad for business. The student population at Northwest is the obvious target of most of these regulations, and the City Council must consider the message it is sending. Enrollment numbers are down at the University, that much is clear with Dieterich Hall being entirely vacant this semester. If the city government further narrows entertainment options for students and exhibits behavior that seemingly ignores concerns of the students, what will incoming freshmen think? In one of our stories last week, a local landlord raised the issue of empty housing off campus that has traditionally been filled by students. It is quite likely that these regulations will make students wary of living off campus. The City will vote on the open container and nuisance party ordinances Monday night along with an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of University Police. As mentioned in previous editorials, we encourage students to show up to City Hall at 7 p.m. Monday to voice any opposition. If the ordinances pass as planned, the only ray of hope is the April elections of two new city councilors. It's imperative that we understand who are we are electing to City Council and how they may impact the city as a whole before we vote. As recent events demonstrate, the City Council makes decisions every week affecting the lives of everyone in town, not just long-time residents. Until the election, it's important for our concerns to be heard, regardless of whether they are listening.

University culture changing with new laws



Our culture is going to change, and it is all thanks to the Maryville City Council. With the vote on the bar entry age ordinance and the potential votes on "drinking in public" and "nuisance party" ordinances, we are going to see a change in what students do on the weekend. This presents the University and the city with a unique problem because with a change in culture comes the possibility of a shift toward a negative culture that does not benefit students. There has been a lot of talk at both the city and University level on how to go about offering other venues for students on Friday and Saturday nights, and I think it is the right conversation to have for our future. I think the city and the University should both take the initiative to provide programming and venues. At some point during their time here, every student has complained about the lack of things to do in Maryville. This means the city should focus

on bringing in businesses that provide students with something to do. It should always be a city's goal to grow and adapt, and this is no different. If the City Council plans on limiting the venues that are available to students, it should work aggressively to bring in alternatives to keep students out of potentially dangerous house parties. The University has already been working toward adding additional programming for students, but we cannot stop there. The Student Activities Council and the residence halls do a great job with events to attract students. An increased investment in areas like that will lead to higher attendance from students willing to stay on campus for events. We can argue the merits of the ordinances all day, but that will not stop the City Council from passing them. It is an unpopular move, but it gives the chance for the University to grow and the city to bring in businesses and grow to fill the needs of a huge population. We are at a crossroads where we can determine the fate of the University's culture. We can do nothing and see our reputation for partying and poor health choices increase, or we can work together as a community to make Maryville an even better city and Northwest an even better school.

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to anyone in a moving vehicle.

Missouri is one of only seven states to not have an open container law, though many cities have adopted those ordinances. Maryville and the Kansas City Power and Light District are some of the only areas that have no open container law.

The mutual aid agreement will allow joint work between Maryville Public Safety and Northwest’s University Police Department to “provide the best possible atmosphere of collaborative public safety on and around the Northwest Missouri State University campus and throughout the entire city of Maryville.” Therefore, University Police will be able to enforce laws and write parking citations in Maryville if passed.

City Manager Greg McDanel also presented four new ordinance proposals at the Jan. 27 meeting. Though specifics and drafts have not been made, those proposals included an ordinance that would set a standard on drink specials, a liquor license enforcement ordinance that would require server training, an increase in bar patrol and enforcement funding, as well as a noise-restriction ordinance.

“Each of them have their own

merits and own things that will contribute to a more orderly community one way or the other,” said Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety. “They all have the validity to change culture... it won’t prevent underage drinking, but it will put tools in place that can call our attention to underage people consuming alcohol.”

Though students at Northwest are among those affected most by these ordinances, there are local citizens who want students to be aware of their support. Kirby Morrison, a real estate appraiser and Maryville housing owner, believes the city is trying to target minors and wants students to voice their opinions.

“My concern is that they’re taking away an activity for kids to do and don’t really have a plan for them to do anything else,” Morrison said. “They make the statement that there’s lots of stuff to do in Maryville, and I don’t see it. It seems like they are unfairly targeting the college students, which could now have a negative influence on our enrollment and, ultimately, have a negative impact on the economy of Maryville.”

With the recent loss of hundreds of jobs due to the closing of Energizer, Morrison believes the economy is running off the University now.

“Right now, the University is our biggest employer, and the students



**Maryville City Council listens to the citizens give their input about the proposed alcohol ordinances during it’s Jan. 17 meeting. The council will vote on three more ordinances during it’s meeting Feb. 10.**

are our largest demographic,” Morrison said. “They are the lifeblood of Maryville, and we need to do everything we can to embrace those students and support the University.”

If passed, the ordinances will

go into effect, along with raising the bar-entry age, July 1. The culture and future of Maryville is in the hands of City Council, and Morrison encourages students to voice their opinions while they can.

“(Students need to) make sure they’re heard, don’t sit back and take it,” Morrison said. “They bring in the most money for the economy, and they deserve to be represented, not babysat.”

REGENT

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communication with the students and the board, then I think I can solve any other problems the students might be concerned about.”

Brown mentioned Student Regent Ashton Raffety’s work with fellow student regents and student leaders throughout Missouri.

“I was very impressed with Ashton Raffety’s accomplishments concerning the Coalition of Missouri Leaders,” she said. “I wish to carry out and advance the initiative.”

Moving beyond social media Dixon said he wants to bring the issues to the students rather than the students

bringing issues to him using online polling as well.

“Instead of having them be proactive, I’d just make it as easy as possible because I’ve found with students if you told them what was going on, they’d be interested in what was going on rather than them going out to look for it,” Dixon said.

Raffety had one strong piece of advice for the new regent.

“Don’t be afraid to ask the tough questions,” he said. “Ask them, because they’ll respect you for it.”

The candidates represent varying groups on campus in their goals as well as their majors. Dixon is a political science major with a minor in criminal justice, while Brown is an organizational communications major and Langemach is a general biology major with a minor in biochemistry.

FUNDING

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funding for that particular measure,” Dunham said. “As for graduation and retention rates, we have always made sure we provide our students with what they need.”

The \$1.5 million budget accredited to the University will be paid in a monthly arrangement rather than one lump sum. Some parts of the budget are restricted to certain areas, but the Board of Regents ultimately decides where the money will be distributed.

Five percent will go toward operating costs, such as salaries, health insurance and utilities. Gov. Nixon has proposed that 3 percent goes toward STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Dunham elaborated on future goals for the University.


“We are always focusing on continuous improvement,” Dunham said. “Only professional educators are trained how to teach; the rest of us are taught to create and research.”

The University not only wants to provide its students with academic support but with entertainment options as well due to the raising of Maryville’s bar-entry age.

“If this is a form of entertainment that is being taken away from our students, then we need to find a way to provide new forms of social activity,” Dunham said.

Social activity may be a large piece to college life, but there is a myriad of components that set Northwest apart. From championship athletic teams to leaders in the classrooms, Northwest Missouri State is notorious for excellence. Faculty and students alike have cohesively worked together to accomplish this goal.

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

**Jan. 16**  
A chimney fire was reported at the 900 block of Victory Lane.

**Jan. 16**  
There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 1500 block of East First Street.

**Jan. 20**  
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 100 block of Jackson Heights.

**Jan. 24**  
Ladarius D. Todd, 18, was charged with no valid driver's license and failure to illuminate headlamps at the 500 block of North Buchanan Street.

An accident occurred between Daniel L. Schmidt, 23, and Jacey N. Ramsey, 20, at the intersection of West Seventh Street and North Fillmore Street. Schmidt was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

**Jan. 25**  
Jared M. Keller, 18, was charged with minor in possession at the 800 block of Forest Street,

Colton M. Champ, 20, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Taylor D. Hall, 22, was charged with driving while revoked, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to stop at a posted stop sign at the 100 block of North Fillmore.

**Jan. 26**  
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 800 block of East Fourth Street. Alex J. Bern, 20, was charged with minor in possession and indecent exposure at the 900 block of College Avenue.

**Jan. 27**  
A utility fire was reported at the 800 block of University Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 500 block of West Third Street.

**Jan. 28**  
Skyler G. Harrison, 19, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 2900 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 29**  
An accident occurred between Paul R. Drake, 62, and Jackie S. Runde, Parnell, Mo., at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

**Feb. 1**  
Samantha S. Cole, 21, was charged with open container in a motor vehicle at the 100 block fo East Third Street.

Anthony A. Brown-Smith, 20, was charged with displaying the plates of another at the 300 block of North Main Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Crissa J. Galyan, Glenwood, Iowa, at the 200 block of West 12th Street.

**Feb. 2**  
Michael J. Scranton, 21, was charged with trespassing at the 500 block of East 14th Street.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office

**Jan. 15**  
Robert E. Bevell, 22, was arrested on warrant for failure to appear.

Mark R. Pfeifer, 21, was arrested on warrant for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

**Jan. 17**  
David D. Sparks, 25, Hopinks, Mo., was charged with domestic assault.

**Jan. 22**  
Paul Mondaine, 36, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on warrant for failure to appear.

**Jan. 23**  
Marvin E. Black, Jr., 20, was charged with possession of marijuana.

**Jan. 24**  
Juan R. Campos, 32, was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear.

Richard M. Parham, 30, was arrested on warrant for theft/stealing.

**Jan. 26**  
James T. Barrows, II, 31, was arrested on warrant for failure to appear.

**Jan. 27**  
Richard A. Brittain, 60, St. Joseph, was arrested on warrant for failure to appear.

**Jan. 29**  
Anthony Miller, 55, Hamburg, Iowa, was arrested on warrant for attempted burglary.

Richard M. Groves, 43, was arrested on warrant for failure to obey judge's order.

Dustin L. Smith, 31, Independence, Mo., was charged with burglary, tampering with a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.



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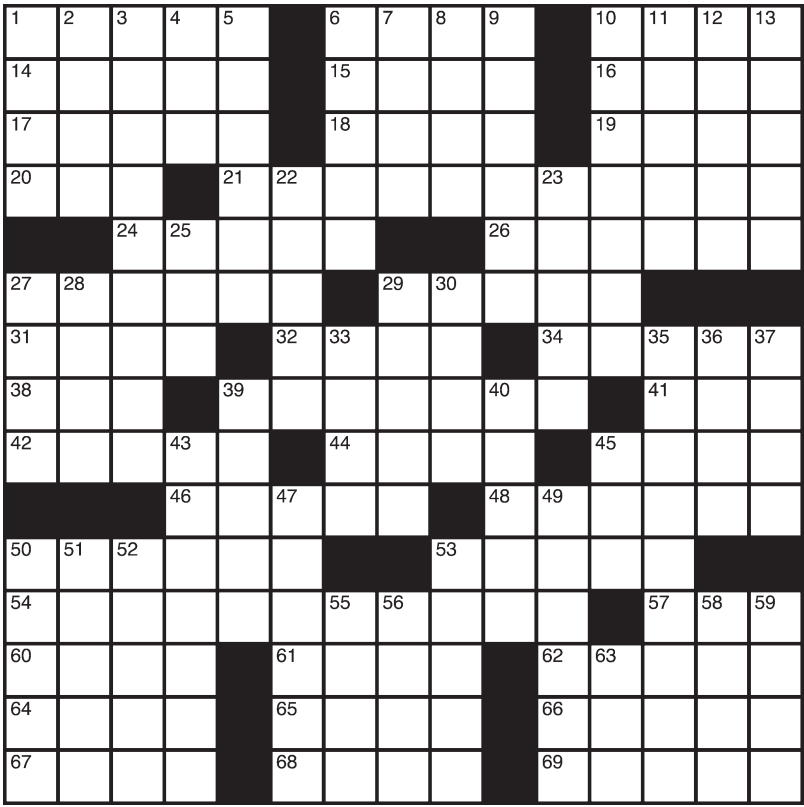
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- Across
- 1 \_\_\_ acid: antiseptic cleaner  
6 Raindrop sound  
10 Hunter's quarry  
14 Texas shrine  
15 Civil rights icon Parks  
16 Mortgage adjustment, briefly  
17 Figure of speech  
18 Waikiki's whereabouts  
19 Aunt Bee's grandnephew  
20 Countdown kickoff  
21 Wild West showman  
24 Makes small talk  
26 Did some pressing work?  
27 South Pacific island  
29 Spotless  
31 Sent packing  
32 Egyptian portrayed by Liz  
34 Prize with six categories  
38 Dwarf wearing specs  
39 Sack on a red-white-and-blue truck, which can hold the ends of 21- and 54-Across and 3- and 35-Down  
41 Savings option, briefly  
42 A parolee may wear a monitor on it  
44 Vehicle on runners  
45 Door opener  
46 Muse who inspires poets  
48 Barcelona buddies  
50 Phase  
53 NFL replay aid  
54 Character written in kindergarten  
57 Foldable sleeper  
60 Criticize severely  
61 Good-sized home site  
62 Arcade pioneer  
64 Dust Bowl refugee  
65 Send, as packages  
66 Enticed  
67 Asian holidays  
68 Does better than  
69 Grasslike marsh plant

- Down
- 1 Angler's bucketful  
2 Shoppe adjective  
3 Ticket from a postponed ball game  
4 "If you ask me," in texts  
5 Battle  
6 Univ. employees  
7 Waste time  
8 Dept. of Labor protection arm  
9 Talking parrot of film  
10 Free, as legal work  
11 Fasten anew  
12 Use TurboTax, say  
13 Triangular traffic sign  
22 New York city  
23 Malaysian ape  
25 Stayed out of sight  
27 "I did it!"  
28 Neural transmitter  
29 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument  
30 Ear part  
33 Marketgoer's memo  
35 Game accessory with 24 numbered squares  
36 Suffix with switch  
37 "CSF" facilities  
39 Pharmaceutical giant  
40 Allan-\_\_: Robin Hood cohort  
43 Bloodsuckers  
45 Actress Basinger  
47 "It's about time!"  
49 Fable conclusions  
50 Monk's superior  
51 Quench  
52 Assume to be true  
53 Staircase units



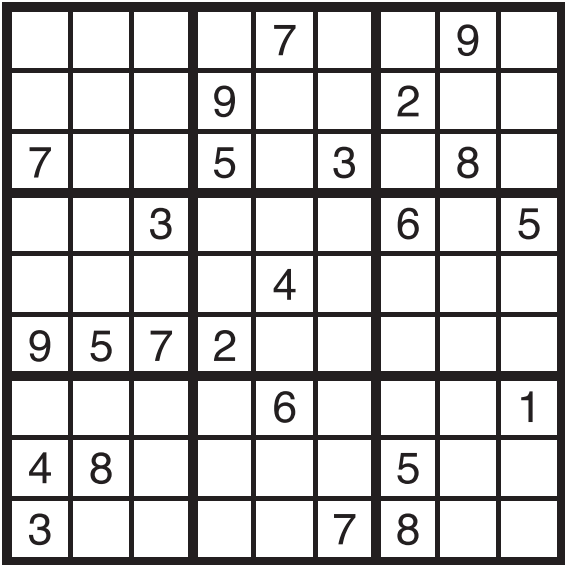
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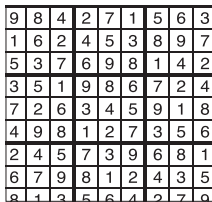
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Answers to Jan. 30



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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are inspired to take on the world, but you may want to focus on smaller goals this week. Finishing a long-lingering work project is a viable option.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something does not seem to be falling into place. Take stock of things at home and at work to see if you can crack this nut. A little more investigation many be necessary.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You may be offered a professional opportunity this week that is too good to pass up, Gemini. Despite this great offer, do your best to stay focused on work for the next several days.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Exercise caution and do not jump to any conclusions at work, Cancer. While you may know what your boss expects from you, it is better to wait to hear what he or she has to say.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you can envision exciting adventures ahead, and those times will be here before you know it. Channel your enthusiasm so you can get a head start on planning your adventure.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you have a desire to be different from everyone else this week. It's good to be original, but don't stray too far off the beaten path or you may find yourself lost.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a friend may shock you by doing something really outrageous. You do not know what to make of this change in personality, but do your best to take it in stride.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, work figures to put a lot on your plate in the coming week.

You can handle everything that comes your way, so long as you keep your cool and continue to work hard.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may be tempted to sneak off and play hooky from work, Sagittarius. Just make sure you handle all of your obligations first. Now is not the best time to kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have so much to do now that your mind may be in a complete jumble. Others will come at you with questions, but take a deep breath and answer them one at a time.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Change is not the best idea right now, Aquarius. It is much better to stick with the status quo for a little while longer. Then you will have enough stability to make a change.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you have many new ideas about how to get rich quick, but you will probably want to find more sensible ways to earn a living.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 2

Shakira, Singer (37)

FEBRUARY 3

Rebel Wilson, Actress (28)

FEBRUARY 4

Gavin DeGraw, Singer (37)

FEBRUARY 5

Cristiano Ronaldo, Athlete (29)

FEBRUARY 6

Mike Farrell, Actor (75)

FEBRUARY 7

Garth Brooks, Singer (52)

FEBRUARY 8

Kimbo Slice, Athlete (40)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the stage.

W N S I G



Answer: Wings

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on February 8, 1974. Some may know me as the werewolf "Oz" or for my voiceover work on "Family Guy."

Answers: Seth Green

THEATER WORD SEARCH

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H S P Z R Y S O L O T Y E R U K A E S N  
B C K S Z D K Z U H Y R U K C R A L I  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

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|--------------|------------|
| ACTOR        | OUTING     |
| AISLE        | PLAY       |
| AUDIENCE     | PLAYBILL   |
| BALCONY      | PRODUCER   |
| BROADWAY     | PUBLICITY  |
| CHOREOGRAPHY | SCORE      |
| CONDUCTOR    | SET        |
| DANCING      | SINGING    |
| DIRECTION    | SOLO       |
| HIT          | SOUND      |
| INTERMISSION | SPOTLIGHT  |
| LEAD         | SWING      |
| LENGTH       | THEATER    |
| LIGHTS       | TICKETS    |
| LYRICS       | TOURING    |
| MEZZANINE    | UNDERSTUDY |
| MUSICAL      | UPSTAGE    |
| ORCHESTRA    | WING       |



# THE UNSUNG HEROES:

## Modern day service superheroes are right here on campus

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They walk amongst us unseen. They are the unsung heroes of Northwest. They rescue damsels in distress after a long night of studying in the B.D. Owens Library only to discover they've been locked out of their car. They may not be able to fly, but they speed to your location in a lightening-fast vehicle, lights flashing. We always see them; they are everywhere.

They patrol, direct and care about us as individuals and the University as a whole. They provide a service on campus that no one else could, and exceed their goals for service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, never resting.

The University Police Station works with multiple organizations and people to make sure Northwest is safe and secure on a daily basis. The officers work and give their lives for the safety of the University and this is no easy task.

But, what does it take to be a campus police officer? Guts, clearly. But also, a strong sense of self and courage. So what does Northwest require and expect of our main safety providers?

According to University Police Chief Clarence Green, their job description is to "provide safety and security for the whole campus, make sure they are creating a positive environment and lending themselves to our culture...They patrol the campus, they take reports and emergency calls as well as non-emergency calls. They really have to be an active part of our community."

These individual officers must uphold many qualities and be able to manage many scattered duties across the town of Maryville. From something as sensitive as domestic violence to simply unlocking car doors, they must be prepared for almost anything. The University Police Department is going through the hiring process to replace two officers who are leaving for other job/life opportunities.

Just a few of the many requirements for becoming a campus police officer include "being a certified police officer within the state of Missouri." This doesn't mean the officer needs to be trained in Missouri, but they do have to go through a testing process to be certified to serve in this state.

Other things University police look for when considering an applicant are a college degree, some type of community service and a past of working in some type of service jobs. These people must be well-rounded, smart and have the ability to think on their toes.

"We are all about service," Green said. "Our officers have to be service oriented. They have to be willing to give up themselves and help out each other."

There is a process to scan and interview the possible candidates who could be providing police services soon. First, they open the advertising for a new position to the public. Working with the Human Resources Department, they advertise on the University website and use some other external sources to get the news out that there is a position that needs to be filled. They also send job descriptions to some law enforcement academies, just to see if anyone is available or meets the standards for the University.

From there, citizens who meet the requirements fill out a job application, which the University police gladly accept. Then comes a long series of interviewing where credentials, references and multiple sources are checked to make sure the candidate meets requirements. The next step is where the fun begins. Internal officers interview the possible new member of the police team.

This interviewing process doesn't just happen between the walls of the University Police Station, though; several other campus organizations contribute to the hiring process. A few of these are Residential Life and Facility Services, which help to identify other people on campus who will be in close contact with these new officers.

According to Green, the University Police Department is looking for someone who is "personable, yet they understand that they have to have some dynamic-type capabilities within them. We want an officer that can interact with our students, our faculty, our staff."

The University police are ultimately looking for someone with strong social skills who has a particular level of service. They need officers who will communicate well and follow up with the students they are serving. The University police require that the officers abide by the "Pillars of Success," which are introduced to individuals during the interviewing process.

The pillar for stakeholders states, "We are dedicated to serving all, and we take our responsibilities seriously with integrity and care. We are passionate about improving the lives of those we serve, and we listen and communicate the "why" to develop trust, confidence and respect."

The communication between officers and students must be very clear, and by following these pillars, the officers on campus always appear with a level of respect. Officers need to have direct communication at times but also understand that we are all teenagers.

"...there are also times where that person needs to be firm and direct in their communication with individuals," Green said. "So it's very unique to hire folks as police officers. It takes a different type of individual."

The University Police Department just started to search for two replacement officers and is in the process of advertising this career possibility to the public.

"(The time when they hire new officers) depends on applicants," student security officer Zach Girard said. "It takes a special kind of person. They have to be able to work with kids from all over and handle it. I know they will hire the best person possible."

Many people are trusting Green and all the other organizations involved with this hiring process and are looking forward to the new officers being on staff.

"Compassion is a big one," Sophomore Sean Bartlow said. "Willing to go the extra mile to make sure the students learn the consequences of their actions. I know Officer (Anthony) Williams personally calls every student that he interacts with. So if a student went out and had a good night, got in trouble, he writes down the incident and calls them the next day. And says, 'Hey, this is what happened, now what are we going to do the fix this.' Which I really respect him for that. And I think that is what they will look for, someone to go that extra mile."

Officer Green himself is an excellent example of a well-rounded officer who communicates with students on a professional and personal level. Students are hoping that the two new officers will follow in his footsteps. Every student on campus knows Green and his sense of humor, but also knows he takes his work very seriously.

"I love working with Clarence," Girard said. "He's a great guy. He always takes care of students' needs first. He has opened a lot of doors for me."

"He's hot," Bartlow jokes. "I think that he (Green) handles the police very well. He's not too concerned about the incident as much as he is concerned about the safety and development of students overall."

Green enjoys working on campus and has created many relationships with students. He is always professional with everyone he encounters.

"We really try to treat students professionally..." Green said. "Some students watched the Super Bowl at my house, but I wouldn't treat them any differently than I do at work when I'm home...(working on campus) is an opportunity to develop and be a role model and mentor students."

Green and the University will expect no less of the new officers who will soon be hired. They must join the clan of unsung heroes before them. Only time will tell who these new heroes will be and the great legends they will develop on campus.

### University Police Department Pillars of Success

Everything we do is guided by a set of pillars that define our commitment; they have been at the core of University Police since its inception. These enduring pillars are the shared convictions that we bring to every situation to ensure safety.

#### Stakeholders

We are dedicated to serving all, and we take our responsibilities seriously with integrity and care. We are passionate about improving the lives of those we serve, and we listen and communicate the "why" to develop trust, confidence and respect. We connect and foster lifelong relationships that impact the lives of our stakeholders.

#### Members

Together, we embrace diversity and hold ourselves to the highest standard. Everyone will support and empower each other while functioning as a team. We value autonomy and decision making by developing members who are committed to providing knowledgeable, professional and innovative services.



# Amelia Lily fights for spotlight

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Amelia Lily. Not a name many will recognize at first mention, but a voice that is sure to make an impression on anyone who listens. At the age of 16, she tried out for “The X Factor” in 2011. And she blew the audience away with her English essence. Her voiced boomed, filling the auditorium like she had been singing years beyond her age.

Kelly Rowland, her mentor throughout her singing career, was judging the show when this soon-to-be star was discovered. Rowland was wowed by Amelia’s presence on stage. After her stellar try-out performance, Rowland commented that “You (Amelia) were born to do this.”

Her first single, “You Bring Me Joy,” released in 2009 and her second single, “Shut Up (And Give Me Whatever You Got),” just released in 2013. Both songs brought together Amelia’s trusty fan base.

Soon following the successful singles was a third single, “Party Over,” which was not quite as flawless as her first two hits. Even though I really enjoyed the song, it didn’t promote as well as her first singles.

One thing that I will say that stands out about Amelia, besides her bright pink head of hair, is that she is a great live performer. “The X Factor” trained her well. She can belt it and at the same time be subtle with a live audience. She’s not one of those artists who only sounds good in the studio. In fact, she might sound better live than in a recording studio.

Her new album, “Be a Fighter,”



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Amelia Lily performs live on “The X Factor” in 2011, where her career as a powerful vocalist began. Her new album released this week and adds to her rising fame.

was scheduled for release in April, but was postponed because Amelia wanted the album to be “perfect.” The album finally had its debut this week, and I think it deserves two thumbs up. The single “Be a Fighter” itself is just a beautiful song lyrically and vocally. It has a strong message to never give up and will touch audience’s sensitive side. Also, I think the best version of it is the acoustic, live. Her voice is just overpowering with soul and fire.

She sings, “You’ve got to choose to be a fighter/You can’t refuse to leave with nothing at all/No smoke without the flames...”

It is quite a beautiful song, especially with her strong sense of will and the risks that she takes on stage.

Her song “Blue” has an unusual sound, almost country-like. I think it will be one of the more popular songs on this album.

“Be a fighter” won’t be the next album on the Billboard Top 100, but it is definitely worth taking a look at as we watch Amelia’s rising fame and success.



Rating: 4.5/5  
Artist: Amelia Lily  
Album: Be a Fighter  
Label: Xenomania  
Release Date: Feb. 4, 2014

## THE STROLLER: Your Man does not understand snow day dilemma

Bearcats, I’ve got to say, I’m a little disappointed in you this week; what’s new, right? I thought we were tougher than this, but there are other parts of the country making us look bad right now. I mean, campus was closed Tuesday, and for what, because of maybe a foot of snow in one day? Come on.

Back in my day, there were only two reasons to close campus for weather, either it snowed for three days straight, or everything was encased in ice. Now we’re freaking out over nothing but a measly foot? You’re slacking Northwest Leadership Team.

I’ll tell you where they’ve had some real horrific weather... the ATL,

shawty; that’s Atlanta those of you who missed the 2000s. But have you heard the harrowing tales coming out of the dirty south? People stranded on highways for hours, trapped under a couple inches of snow and forced to sleep in their cars in zero degree weather, only for no help to come.

And what were you doing yesterday, hopping in your trucks to get to the nearest Keystone distributor so you could get blitzed and frolic in the snow? What, do you think this is a game?

Snow is killing people now. There are places in a state of emergency; they’ve had to wear jackets in LA for crying out loud. And our University is completely shutting down just

because of a foot of snow. Hell, in some places this would be considered golfing weather, but that’s enough about Canada.

A snow day used to mean something, Northwest. A snow day used to mean trekking through immeasurable amounts of devil’s dandruff to get toilet paper while fending for your life. But I guess now we’ll just settle for calling it quits so a few drunk, quasi adults can run around throwing snowballs and sliding in snow like fools.

I expect more, Bearcats, and you should too.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

## WHAT’S HOT

### Show Choir Festival

Show and jazz choirs will venture to Northwest Feb. 8 and 26 for the annual show choir festival. Northwest’s show choir will perform at 4:45 p.m. in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

### ‘Big Bang Theory’ Meets Star Wars

Actors James Earl Jones (Darth Vader) and Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia), from the Star Wars trilogy guess starred on CBS’s “The Big Bang Theory” last week. Fans are claiming that this may be the best episode of the season yet.

### Portal to Hell

“Ghost Adventures” star Zak Bagans bought a \$35,000 house in Indiana that is rumored to be the “portal to Hell.” He is planning to live in the house and record his experiences there. The house has history of possessing people, including a boy walking on the ceiling and a girl levitating above her bed. Creepy...

### Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Dark Horse-Katy Perry ft. Juicy J
2. Timber-Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha
3. Counting Stars-OneRepublic
4. Say Something-A Great Big World ft. Christina Aguilera
5. The Monster-Eminem ft. Rihanna
6. Talk Dirty-Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz
7. Let Her Go-Passengers
8. Team-Lorde
9. Royals-Lorde
10. Pompeii-Bastille

## WHAT’S NOT

### Heroin at Mac D’s

A McDonald’s employee was arrested earlier this week for selling heroin through Happy Meals at work. The code words for getting said heroin were, “I’d like to order a toy.” The employee sold this heroin to undercover cops and then got busted. She continues to deny this ever happened.

### R.I.P. Philip Seymour Hoffman

The 46-year-old actor was found alone, dead in his New York apartment earlier this week. Police are saying his death was due to a drug overdose. Rest in peace, Hoffman.

### Coke Commercial Confusion

During Super Bowl 48, Coca Cola aired a commercial entitled, “America the Beautiful” where images of America were shown and many different people. The problem? The song, “America the Beautiful” was sung in many different languages. Confusion erupted on Twitter as to why America was being sung about in different languages.

### Billboard Top 200

1. Frozen-Soundtrack
2. Grammy 2014 Nominees-Various Artists
3. Is There Anybody Out There?-A Great Big World
4. Beyonce-Beyonce
5. Pure Heroine-Lorde
6. Kidz Bop 25-Kidz Bop Kids
7. Mind Over Matter-Young the Giant
8. High Hopes-Bruce Springsteen
9. Prism-Katy Perry
10. The Marshall Mathers LP2-Eminem

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EASTON LEADS NORTHWEST PAST LINCOLN



CHRIS SCHOONOVER | NW MISSOURIAN  
Junior guard Ariel Easton gets free off a screen as she heads to the basket against Lincoln Feb. 1.

THREES

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head coach Ben McCollum said. “Now that we have that, it drastically changes your percentage.”  
“They are trying to take Starzl away, and understandably so. He’s unselfish enough to kick it back out and get everyone else involved. We got guys that can make you pay for doubling him.”  
Schneider, or Snipe—the nickname given to him by Cooper—changes the game once he steps on the floor due to his ability to pop off of screens on the perimeter instead of the classic roll by big men.  
“(Cooper and Starzl) are really the reason for my success,” Schneider said. “Coop is unguardable and can get in the lane whenever he wants. When I’m setting ball screens for Conner or Coop, they are so focused on them that the pop is always wide

open.”  
Schneider’s shot is almost mechanical, rarely changing regardless of the defender in his face—something he picked up from his father when he was younger.  
“He played high school basketball and could have played college basketball, but decided not to,” Schneider said. “He always taught me basketball in the driveway and told me to always keep my elbow in. That’s really what made my form today.”  
“I kind of dip when I shoot, so I have to get a lot of shots just because there is a little more movement in my shot.”  
Much like Schneider, Cooper—standing at 5 feet 6 inches with a 40-inch vertical—began shooting at a young age, jumping as high as he could.  
“They never changed my mechanics because my dad always taught me to elevate on my jumpshot,” Cooper said.

per said. “When I was younger, that’s all I worked on, and that’s what I stuck with. He knew I was shorter, so I had to elevate.”  
“When I jump, I jump to the highest of my ability. When I release it, I’m at the top, and it goes over my defender.”  
When a shooter gets on a streak, it is hard to get him out of a rhythm, and when you look up, the scoreboard will reflect it.  
“It’s special because when I’m feeling it, I don’t really know what’s going on,” Schneider said. “I just put shots up and they keep going in—like in the Northeastern State game. They didn’t feel that good going off my hand, but they kept going in.”  
Offenses like the Grinnell offense puts emphasis on jacking up threes whenever possible, but what makes the long-range attempts the Bearcats take effective is the quality and timing of the jumpers.

SPORTS BRIEF:  
Dorrel cements 2014 recruiting class

Northwest head football coach Adam Dorrel announced yesterday that they signed 26 players for his 2014 recruiting class.  
The Bearcats inked two former Spoofhounds—defensive back Trent Nally and offensive lineman Jackson Morrison.  
The state of Missouri contributed 13 signees, and Dorrel was able to sign four players from Florida.  
Dorrel and his staff emphasized the offensive and defensive line by signing seven offensive linemen and five defensive lineman.  
Five wide receivers were scooped up by Northwest, four of them over six feet tall, giving Dorrel big targets on offense compared to smaller slot receivers.  
The recruiting class of 2013 gar-

nered three quarterbacks the coaching staff has high hopes for, leading to none being signed this year.  
Barring injury or academic issues, Dorrel does not expect any transfers to be signed for next season.



Go online for the full story along with highlight reels of the class.

| MIAA Three-Point Percentage Leaders |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.                                  | S. Pugh - 53%             |
| 2.                                  | C. Konrade - 51%          |
| 3.                                  | J. Taylor - 50%           |
| 4.                                  | D. Qualls - 48%           |
| 5.                                  | <b>Z. Schneider - 48%</b> |
| 6.                                  | A. Wright - 47%           |
| 7.                                  | <b>C. Crooker - 47%</b>   |
| 8.                                  | D. Stewart - 46%          |
| 9.                                  | A. North - 46%            |
| 10.                                 | B. Marquardt - 45%        |
| 11.                                 | M. Boos - 45%             |
| 12.                                 | J. Gilliam - 45%          |
| 13.                                 | <b>D. Cooper - 44%</b>    |
| 14.                                 | J. Reid - 43%             |
| 15.                                 | <b>B. Williams - 43%</b>  |

DIXON

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looked at his senior film and they understand a lot of people weren’t going to go at him.  
“They looked at his stuff this year to make sure he was doing the right things as a football player.”  
Brandon and his twin brother, Brian Dixon, attended the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl and received positive feedback from scouts and former players.  
“They said that we were the best corners out there,” Brandon said. “Desmond Howard and Todd McShay loved us a lot. They loved watching our practice. They said we needed to work on our technique because at Northwest we ran a lot of man-press. We had to play off at the NFLPA game, so they said we need to work on our off-man.”  
Some of Brandon’s mental attributes he improved on at Northwest showed dividends at the NFLPA game when he was in front of scouts and coaches.  
“When I talk about defenses, we talk about defenses on the board,” Gordon said. “I make those guys get up there

and draw the defenses on the board. He said when he went to the (NFLPA) game and talking to the scouts, that it has helped him out because he got on the board and knows how to write up the whole defense. They usually know just what the corner is doing, but he knows the whole defense.”  
While Brian will not be at the NFL Combine, Brandon and Gordon believe he will find his way to a team, either late in the draft or as an undrafted free agent.  
Brandon and Brian have played together at every level and could lead to a unique situation in the league.  
“That would be real crazy,” Brandon said. “We’ve been playing with each other our whole lives. That would be real crazy because I’ve never played without him. It’d be fun.”  
Although they are overlooked by mainstream media, there have been numerous NFL players that hailed from Division II institutions, and it looks as if Brandon will join that class.  
“People don’t understand it, but the scouts understand it,” Gordon said. “There are good skill players and good linemen. There is somebody every year that is going to get drafted and get a shot at the NFL out of Division II.”

PITCH

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doesn’t hurt in the mind of high school prospects that students at Northwest have been noticed before.  
Let’s be honest: just because a senior in high school or a junior college transfer comes to the conclusion his talents are better suited for Division II doesn’t mean he’s going to give up on professional ambitions. If he truly believes in his abilities as a potential NFL prospect, schools with pipeline pedigrees such as Northwest and Grand Valley State will jump universities such as Minnesota-Duluth, which hasn’t produced a drafted player since 1990.  
Dixon’s junior and senior seasons wearing green solidified his stock

as someone who could make an impact of some kind at the next level, all while marketing Northwest in the process.  
Any confident recruit speaking in truths will tell you his perfect blend of a school would provide the opportunities to play soon and achieve championships while also advertising his skills to scouts, who don’t just show up to any Division II football game on any given Saturday.  
The ramifications of Dixon’s draft propositions may not take effect in this year’s recruiting class, with signing day yesterday and the draft not commencing until May 8. But if Dorrel is sitting in the home of a future Division II star sometime next winter, ‘Brandon Dixon’ might slip off his tongue earlier in the conversation rather than later.

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| MIAA STANDINGS                    |         |      | MIAA STANDINGS                    |         |      |
|                                   | Overall | MIAA |                                   | Overall | MIAA |
| NORTHWEST.....                    | 16-5    | 11-1 | Emporia St.....                   | 19-2    | 10-2 |
| Fort Hays.....                    | 18-3    | 9-3  | Central Mo.....                   | 16-3    | 10-2 |
| Central Mo.....                   | 17-4    | 9-3  | Pitt. St.....                     | 15-6    | 8-3  |
| Mo. Southern.....                 | 15-4    | 9-3  | Fort Hays.....                    | 15-4    | 8-4  |
| Washburn.....                     | 14-5    | 7-5  | Mo. Southern.....                 | 14-5    | 8-4  |
| Emporia St.....                   | 14-8    | 7-5  | Washburn.....                     | 13-6    | 8-4  |
| Central Okla.....                 | 12-7    | 6-6  | Northeastern St.....              | 9-10    | 6-6  |
| Northeastern St.....              | 11-8    | 6-6  | Central Okla.....                 | 10-9    | 5-7  |
| Nebraska Kearney.....             | 9-10    | 5-7  | Lindenwood.....                   | 10-9    | 5-7  |
| Mo. Western.....                  | 9-11    | 4-8  | Southwest Baptist.....            | 9-9     | 4-7  |
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| Savannah.....              | 9-6     | 3-0 | Cameron.....               | 16-3    | 2-0 |
| Lafayette.....             | 12-4    | 1-0 | Smithville .....           | 11-2    | 2-0 |
| Chillicothe.....           | 7-7     | 1-0 | Lafayette.....             | 12-4    | 1-0 |
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| Benton.....                | 2-14    | 1-2 | Chillicothe.....           | 9-4     | 1-1 |
| Bishop LeBlond.....        | 9-8     | 0-1 | Savannah.....              | 4-7     | 1-1 |
| Smithville.....            | 7-9     | 0-1 | Benton.....                | 10-8    | 0-2 |
| Cameron.....               | 3-15    | 0-1 | MARYVILLE.....             | 2-10    | 0-3 |
| Feb. 7:                    |         |     | Feb. 6:                    |         |     |
| MARYVILLE at Smithville    |         |     | Smithville at MARYVILLE    |         |     |
| Benton at Chillicothe      |         |     | Savannah at Bishop LeBlond |         |     |
| Lafayette at Cameron       |         |     | Chillicothe at Benton      |         |     |
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